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2 the same or similar claims, and/or events, involve similar  
3 questions of fact, and would therefore entail a substantial  
4 duplication of labor if heard by different judges. Accordingly,  
5 the assignment of the matters to the same judge is likely to  
6 effect a substantial savings of judicial effort and is also  
7 likely to be convenient for the parties.

8 The parties should be aware that relating the cases under  
9 Local Rule 123 merely has the result that both actions are  
10 assigned to the same judge; no consolidation of the action is  
11 effected. Under the regular practice of this court, related  
12 cases are generally assigned to the district judge to whom the  
13 first filed action was assigned.

14 IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the action denominated 2:12-cr-  
15 00300-JAM, United States of America v. Ryan Herbert Smith, et al.  
16 is reassigned to Judge Morrison C. England, Jr. for all further  
17 proceedings, and any dates currently set in this reassigned case  
18 only are hereby VACATED. Henceforth, the caption on documents  
19 filed in the reassigned case shall be shown as 2:12-cr-00300-MCE.  
20 At the request of counsel, a Status Conference in the Smith case  
21 is set for **September 27, 2012, at 9:00 a.m.**, in Courtroom 7.

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1 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk of the Court make  
2 appropriate adjustment in the assignment of criminal cases to  
3 compensate for this reassignment.

4 IT IS SO ORDERED.

5 Dated: September 5, 2012

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8 MORRISON C. ENGLAND, JR.  
9 UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE  
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